



# Discovery Zone Gazette

## Toddler B Does "Egg-Cellent" Work

Spring has finally arrived and Toddler B is blooming with joy! At the beginning of the month, Toddler B will explore the changes in the weather. We will start by making winding paintings using a hairdryer to move paint and demonstrate the power of wind. The children will also use math skills to count raindrops on umbrellas.

Next, Toddlers will have an "egg-cellent" week focusing on Easter and colors. The children will be encouraged to match eggs in a basket by



color. Scientific exploration will be the focus as the children mix colors to see the result. Toddler B will end the week with our annual Egg Hunt and Rabbit Relay Race.

Manners will be the talk of the third week as the children learn to express themselves politely. The children will also explore manners through sign language and creative art. The children will use paint and brushes to decorate pictures of signs such as thank-you, please and sorry.

Next, Toddler B is ready to keep the earth clean. The children will learn about materials and math skills as

they attempt to sort items ready for recycling. The children will also make a clean ocean collage and make art from recycled materials. We end the week with the challenge of raising awareness about heart disease with "Hopping for Heart."

To end the month, Toddler B will explore nature by learning about planting and the life cycle of flowers. Language will be enhanced through new songs such as "5 Little, Yellow Flowers."

We are happy to welcome Rohan, Matthew and Gaven and their families to our class. Happy Birthday to Matthew on 4/19!

## Discovery Zone Learning Center

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## Important Dates

- 4/10 Fun Day for School Ageds.
- 4/13-4/17 Fun Days for School Ageds.
- 4/24 Jump for Heart Fundraiser! 
- 4/29 the Flying Yankies visit and entertain the children with a dog show.



## Infants Go Buggy

Warm weather is on the way and in the Infant Room we are ready for it. We will bring out the stroller soon to enjoy the Spring weather. Please begin to bring in hats if you would like your child to have them. Also, check out the bulletin board in the "Big Room" created by the Infants.

Throughout the month the Infants will explore Easter and Earth Day. The children will finger paint eggs, make trees and practice object permanence with an Egg Hunt.

The Infants will also explore the world of bugs. The children will create butterflies and ladybugs. Language and literacy will

be the focus as we read "A Bullfrog Called Monday" (generously donated by the Bowles family!) The children will also create sunflowers "just their size" and explore weather with a fun sensory experience as we welcome Spring into our classroom.



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# April Showers Bring May Flowers for Preschool B

The sun is shining, the air is warming and Preschool B is ready for Spring! Preschoolers "hop" into April with a one week theme on Easter. During this week the children will sort on sound and letter recognition with a garden math activity. Gross motor skills will be built by hopping like bunnies and science skills will be the focus through egg experiments. The children will observe, compare and contrast the differences of eggs that have been boiled or not. We finish the week with an Egg Hunt on the playground.

Spring is here and that means rain!

Pre-school B is going to look at rain and experiment with nature.

The children will catch and measure rainfall and enjoy water in the sensory table. Preschoolers will also enjoy a nature walk to the pond to look for wildlife. On 4/16 & 17, Preschool B will have the

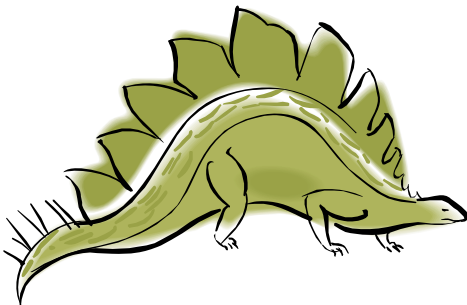


3rd annual Earth Day Celebration. We will join Preschool A to clean up DZLC. The children will learn the importance of keeping the earth clean and some new recycling songs.

Finally, we wrap up April with a one week theme on being Heart Healthy! During this week, Preschoolers will work with the American Heart Association on building awareness to children and families on caring for their hearts. The children will focus on good nutrition and exercise as ways to maintain healthy hearts. On 4/24 the AHA will visit DZLC to jump and dance for a good cause.

## Toddler A is "Dino"-Mite!

Toddler A will begin the month of April with a theme on dinosaurs. Children will enhance math skills by sorting big and little dinosaurs. They will work on spatial awareness by creating



their own dinosaurs. The Toddlers will also enjoy sensory experiences such as a dinosaur dig and bathing dinosaurs in the sensory table. The children will have to use their imaginations while creating a dinosaur book

and a dinosaur puppet show.

For the second week of April, Toddlers will learn about weather. The children will use creative expression to make cereal rainbows and use fine motor skills to create rain pictures and umbrella art. Toddlers will also enjoy a sensory experience while making cloud pictures with cotton balls. During this week, the children will build language skills through songs about weather.

Next, Toddler A will learn all about diversity. To encourage cultural awareness the children will make kites from Japan and a hand mural. The children will also learn to say "hello" in a variety of languages and play games from around the world. The children are also encouraged to

bring in family pictures from home and discuss family traditions.

Lastly, Toddlers will learn about healthy food choices. They will use fine motor and critical thinking skills to make a collage of healthy vs. unhealthy foods. The children will use science skills to explore the inside of an apples as well as making apple paintings. The Toddlers will practice math skills by baking two delicious healthy snacks. Finally, the children will make paintings with condensed milk.

Toddler A is happy to welcome Ms. Taina to our class full time. We are also happy to welcome Dane, Kaid, Olivia, Jakob, Hunter and their families to our class.



# Preschool A Is Heart Healthy

April showers bring May flowers! Preschool A is very excited for Spring and plans to spend a week talking about the season and the baby animals that come with it. The children will make butterflies and baby animal patterns. The children will also build language skills through new songs.

The next week, Preschool A will focus on Easter. The children will go on an Egg Hunt and color eggs. Math skills will be applied as the children estimate the number of jelly beans in a jar and sort them.

Earth and Arbor Day are Preschool A's next theme. We will discuss ways to care for the earth and put our ideas into use by cleaning up litter and planting flowers. The children will also spend a whole day outside while tie dying, drawing with chalk,

and enjoying a picnic snack. Preschoolers will learn about trees as they go on a nature walk and make tree rubbings to be used to create an



indoor tree.

Preschool A will be heart healthy as we talk about healthy foods and the importance of exercise. Preschoolers will move and groove to music, play with bean bags, and jump rope. Also, the children will taste healthy foods.

The last week of April brings a week of Science and Sensory exploration. The children will create a volcano from paper mache and watch it erupt at the end of the week. Through this experience, the children will explore paper mache and see what happens when baking soda and vinegar are mixed. The children will also be introduced to the scientific process as they make hypotheses, observations and conclusions about mixing oil and water and what items may sink or float. Preschoolers will also enjoy sensory fun as they explore sand art and writing names and letters in shaving cream.

Preschool A wishes Ms. Rachel the best of luck as she leaves for Graduate School on 5/1. We are happy to welcome Ms. Paula who will join the DZLC team on 4/27. Happy birthday wishes to Angie!

## Center News

DZLC is happy to welcome two new staff members! Taina A. has joined the Toddler A classroom. Ms. Taina began working at DZLC on a part time basis and her affection and enthusiasm for the children prompted a full time job offer. Welcome Ms. Taina!



Paula will join the DZLC staff as of 4/27. Ms. Paula comes to DZLC with her teaching certificate and many

years of experience teaching young children.

DZLC wishes Ms. Rachel the best of luck as she continues her education in graduate school. We know she will do GREAT!

Ms. Corrie will remain at DZ-M until further notice.

Camp Discovery is right around the corner. All paper work is

due by 4/13 in order to reserve your child's spot. If you are interested in more information regarding Camp Discovery, please speak with Robin or Christine.



The new building is making progress. The water has been tested and the land cleared. Pending state approval we should "officially" break ground at the end of April or beginning of May.



